THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) The Government, as part of the annual budgetary exercise, reviews rates of tax applicable to all categories of taxpayers including corporates. The decision taken in this regard is reflected in the annual Finance Bill.

(c) The total revenue on amount of direct taxes collected during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06 is as under:—

Financial Year	(Rs. in crore)
2004-05	1,32,771
2005-06	1,65,208

Loan disbursal by banks in Bihar

†1394. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Public Sector Banks in Bihar are lagging behind to a great extent with regard to disbursing of loans despite the RBI's guidelines;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the slow pace of disbursing of loans by the banks is adversely affecting the industrial development and agriculture sector in State; and

(c) if so, the action Government are taking to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) As reported by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the details of aggregate deposits, advances and credit Deposit Ratio (CD Ratio) of Bihar for the last three years ending March 31st , 2004, 2005 & 2006 are as under:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Deposits	Advances	C D Ratio of Bihar	C D Ratio (All India)
2004	36131	9244	25.58	58.72
2005	41206	11453	27.79	66.04
2006	46543	14062	30.21	72.50

The CD Ratio in Bihar has show a gradual increase in the last 3 years.

The bottlenecks/constraints faced by banks in Bihar *inter-alia* include: (i) low credit absorption capacity due to non-availability of small and medium industries, (ii) Lack of infrastructure facilities like power, good motorable roads and marketing network, (iii) Absence of rural godowns and storage facilities for goods and (v) Poor land records in rural areas.

RBI has advised the convenor banks of the States to monitor the issue of CD Ratio in the State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBCs) Meetings and identify measures for enhancing the CD Ratio. RBI have also issued necessary instructions advising banks to set up Special Sub-Committee (SSCs) of the District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) in Districts having CD Ratio of less than 40, in order to monitor the CD Ratio and draw up Monitorable Action Plans (MAPs) to increase the CD Ratio.

Consequent to the Special SLBC meeting held at Panta in June, 2006, a Working Group was set up by the RBI to look into the problems of bankers and borrowers in Bihar. The recommendations of the Working Group are under implementation.

Writing-off loans by Banks in Kerala

1395. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several banks operating in Kerala have decided to summarily write-off all outstanding loans upto rupees One Lakh taken by the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the details of banks in Public Sector and private sector who have decided to write-off loan and the